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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, relative to handicapped parking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Any city, county, or metropolitan government may establish a special enforcement unit for the sole purpose of providing adequate enforcement of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-108, and local ordinances and resolutions relative to disabled parking.

(b) The city, county, or metropolitan government may establish recruitment and employment guidelines which encourage and enable employment of qualified disabled persons in such special enforcement units.

(c) Members of the special enforcement unit may issue notices of parking violation for violations of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-108, and local ordinances relative to disabled parking. Members of the special enforcement unit shall not be peace officers and shall not make arrests in the course of their official duties, but

shall wear distinctive uniforms and badges while on duty. A two-way radio unit, which may utilize police frequencies or citizens' band, may be issued by the local authority to each member of the special enforcement unit for use while on duty.

(d) The city, county, or metropolitan government may pay the cost of uniforms and badges for the special enforcement unit, and may provide daily cleaning of the uniforms. Additionally, the city, county, or metropolitan government may provide motorized wheelchairs for use by members of the special unit while on duty, including batteries and necessary recharging thereof. Any motorized wheelchair used by a member of the special enforcement unit while on duty shall be equipped with a single headlamp in the front and a single stoplamp in the rear.

(e) Members of the special enforcement unit may be paid an hourly wage without the compensatory benefits provided other permanent and temporary employees, but shall be entitled to applicable workers' compensation benefits as provided by law. Insurance provided by the city, county, or metropolitan government for disability or liability of a member of the special enforcement unit shall be the same as for other employees performing similar duties.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a city, county, or metropolitan government from using regular full-time employees to enforce ordinances or resolutions adopted pursuant thereto.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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